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PERCY. C. WOODHALL, M.I.M. & C.E.

*To the Chairman and Members of the Ashby Woulds Urban District
Council :—*

MR. CHAIRMAN & GENTLEMEN,

I beg to present to you the Annual Report on the Sanitary
State of your District for the year 1945.

My grateful thanks are due for the valuable assistance of the
Sanitary Inspector, Mr. P. C. Woodhall, and to the County Health
Department.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

A. SEGERDAL.

Medical Officer of Health.

Section A.

(1) General Statistics & Social Conditions of the Area.

Area	...	...	...	2336 Acres
Population	...	...	...	3010
Number of Inhabited Houses at end of 1945	...	...	...	848
Rateable Value	...	...	...	£18,326
Sum represented by a penny rate	...	...	...	£71

The Chief Industries of the District are:- Agriculture, Coal-mining, Earthenware and Brickmaking. The R.A.O.C. have, during the war and up to date, three sub-depots in the Urban District with approximately 300 men, and there were three depots for the storage and distribution of food. Three recreation grounds with an acreage of 12½ acres are provided within the Urban District.

(2) Vital Statistics.

		Total.	Male.	Female.
Live Births	Legitimate	67	31	36
	Illegitimate	3	2	1
		<hr/> 70	<hr/> 33	<hr/> 37

Birth Rate = 23·2 per 1,000 population.

England and Wales Birth Rate = 16·1 per 1,000 population.

Still Birth Rate = ·33 per 1,000 population.

England and Wales Still Birth Rate = ·46 per 1,000 population.

		Total.	Male.	Female.
Still Births	Legitimate	1	1	0
	Illegitimate	0	0	0

		Total.	Male.	Female.
Deaths	...	35	21	14

Death Rate = 11·6 per 1,000 population.

England and Wales Death Rate = 11·4 per 1,000 population.

Deaths from Puerperal causes :—

Deaths.	Rate per 1,000 total (Live and Still) Births.	
	Ashby Wolds District.	England and Wales 1945.
(a) Abortion with Sepsis	0	·25
(b) Abortion without Sepsis	0	·08
(c) Puerperal Infections	0	·24
(d) Other Maternal Causes	0	1·22
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Total	0	1·79

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age :—

	Total.	Male.	Female.
Legitimate	2	1	1
Illegitimate	0	0	0
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Total	2	1	1

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age = 29 per 1,000 live births.

England and Wales Infant Mortality Rate, 1945 = 46 per 1,000 live births.

Deaths occurred from the following Diseases during 1945 :—

Cancer (all ages)	5
Measles (all ages)	0
Whooping Cough (all ages)	0
Diarrhoea, etc. (under 2 yrs.)	0

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1945.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Tuberculosis (Respiratory System)	1	0	1
Other forms of Tuberculosis	0	1	1
Cancer	4	1	5
Intracranial Vasc. Lesions ...	1	2	3
Heart Disease	5	7	12
Other Circulatory Diseases	1	0	1
Bronchitis	1	0	1
Pneumonia	1	0	1
Ulcer of the Stomach and Duodenum	2	0	2
Other Digestive Diseases	1	0	1
Nephritis	1	0	1
Premature Births and Congenital Causes	0	1	1
Suicide	1	0	1
All other causes	2	2	4
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	21	14	35

Chief Causes of Death during 1945 :—

Heart Disease 12, Cancer 5, Intracranial Vasc. Lesions 3, and Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum 2.

The figures for England and Wales are provisional figures based on weekly and quarterly returns.

Section B. Hospitals.

General Provisions of Health Services for the Area.

General - Leicester Royal Infirmary, Burton Infirmary, Ashby Cottage Hospital and County Public Assistance Institutions.

Infectious Diseases.

Hospitals are provided for treatment of Infectious Diseases by the Leicestershire combined Hospitals Committee at Markfield (76 beds), Hinckley (23 beds), Melton Mowbray (32 beds) and Blaby (17 beds).

Smallpox.

Hospitals are provided by the Leicestershire C.C. at Snarestone (23 beds) and Syston (15 beds).

Tuberculosis.

The Sanatorium at Markfield is well equipped for the diagnosis and treatment of all forms of Tuberculosis and contains 150 beds. Operations on cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis from the County are performed at Leicester City Isolation Hospital. A number of Institutions including the following are available for the treatment of cases from the County.

City General Hospital, Leicester.

Harlow Wood Orthopaedic Hospital, Mansfield, Notts.

Warwickshire Orthopaedic Hospital, Coleshill.

Maternity.

The Cottage Hospital, Ashby-de-la-Zouch and Fairhaven Maternity Nursing Home provide accommodation for maternity cases from your area. The Leicester Royal Infirmary and Burton Infirmary are also available for cases requiring institutional treatment.

Children.

Children are admitted to Leicester Royal Infirmary and Burton Infirmary. Provision for children is also made in Ashby Cottage Hospital chiefly for the removal of tonsils and adenoids. Warwickshire Orthopaedic Hospital, Coleshill, is also available for orthopaedic cases. Other delicate and ill nourished children (3-5 years) are admitted to the Children's Convalescent Home, Woodhouse Eaves. Scabies cases are admitted to Melton Mowbray Public Assistance Institution for treatment.

Ambulance Facilities.

Infectious cases are removed by ambulances provided by the Leicestershire Combined Isolation Hospitals Committee. Non-Infectious cases are removed by ambulances provided by the St. John Ambulance Brigade at Church Gresley. Colliery accidents are removed by ambulances provided by the Leicestershire Coal Owners Association and The South Derbyshire Coal Owners Association.

Clinics & Treatment Centres.

These are provided by the County Council.

The following clinics are available for your area :—

An infant welfare clinic is held every Thursday afternoon at the Baptist Schoolroom, Brook Street, Ashby-de-la-Zouch. A School and Orthopaedic Clinic is held at the Health Centre, Bridge Road, Coalville. The County Tuberculosis Officers attend weekly at Bridge Road, Coalville.

Venereal Diseases clinics are held at Leicestershire Royal Infirmary and Burton Infirmary. Scabies cases are treated at Swadlincote Clinic provided by the Swadlincote District U.D.C.

Nursing in the Home.

General Nursing in the home is provided by a resident District Nurse, under supervision of the Leicestershire Nursing Association, aided by local voluntary contribution. The District Nurse does not attend infectious diseases and does not undertake midwifery.

A midwife resident in the adjoining parish of Donisthorpe is available for midwifery cases in the home.

Health Visitors.

This is provided by the County Council, and the work of Health Visitor, School Nurse and Tuberculosis Visitor is combined in a single appointment. This work is carried out very ably in your area by Miss Seabrook and her reports and willing co-operation are always available. In a Diphtheria immunisation campaign persuasion through the Health Visitor is the most potent form of propaganda.

Laboratory Facilities.

Chemical and Bacteriological examinations are carried out by the County Laboratory, 8, St. Martin's Leicester. The Examinations performed on behalf of the district are as follows :—

Sputa for T.B.	...	6
Milk Examinations (Bacteriological)		4
Swabs for Diphtheria	...	3
Milk for Phosphatose Test	...	1
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Other examinations such as examination of faeces and blood for dysentery and typhoid are carried out at the Emergency Public Health Laboratory, Isolation Hospital, Groby Road, Leicester. Material for Immunisation is always obtainable at the above Laboratory.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water Supply.

The District is supplied by the Swadlincote and Ashbys Joint Water Board from the Milton Reservoir except for a few outlying properties which obtain their water from wells. Additional bulk supply of water is obtained from the Ashby R.D.C. by agreement.

Number of Samples taken for analysis	0
Number of Wells closed ...	0
Number of Wells cleansed, etc. ...	0

The quality of the piped water supply is good but hard.

There were no extensions of the Public Supply during the year. There was a serious shortage of water during the year, and it was necessary for the supply to be cut off many hours daily. The late joint Committee is now superseded by a Water Board. Boring for additional supplies is proceeding.

Results of Samples taken for Analysis.

	Satisfactory		Unsatisfactory	
	Chemical.	Bacteriological.	Chemical.	Bacteriological.
From Wells	0	0	0	0
Piped Supply	0	0	0	0

Drainage and Sewerage.

Number of Cesspools constructed during year	Nil.
Number of Cesspools abolished during year	Nil.
Total number in District on December 31st.	10

Closet Accommodation.

Total Number in District on December 31st.

(a) Privies 8. (b) Pail Closets 43. Water Closets 604.

Number of Closets converted to Water Carriage System during year

(a) Privies 0 (b) Pails 0

Number of Privies (middens) converted to pail closets during the year —.

Public Cleansing.

House Refuse is collected weekly by the Council's workmen with covered lorry and conveyed to suitable tips where it is deposited in layers and covered with soil.

Earth Closets and Privies are emptied at night. Ashpits and Cesspools are emptied at frequent intervals by the Council's workmen with covered lorry. The night soil and contents of cesspools is carted on to land and ploughed in. Refuse from the Ashpits is conveyed to tips and deposited in layers and covered with soil.

Salvage.

Salvage is collected weekly by the Local Authority. Kitchen Waste is collected by local pig and poultry keepers.

Classes of Salvage materials are:— Metals, waste paper, bones, rags, rubber, tins and bottles. Collection of Salvage does not interfere with the ordinary refuse collections.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

Total number of complaints received	...	41
Total number of nuisances or defects discovered	...	67

Nature of Inspections.

	Inspections.	Revisits.
Dwelling Houses (all purposes)	117	41
Tents, Vans, etc.	0	0
Slaughter Houses	0	0
Food Premises	12	12
Dairies and Cowsheds	9	9
Offensive Trades	0	0
Animal Keeping	0	0
Workshops	0	0
Shops	59	48
Other Premises	59	38
Total	256	148

Notices.

Preliminary.	Housing.	Others.
Outstanding on 1st January ...	0	0
Issued during year	5	7
Complied with during year ...	5	7
Statutory Action necessary	0	0
Outstanding on 31st December	0	0

Statutory.	Housing.	Others.
Outstanding on 1st January ...	0	0
Issued during year ...	0	0
Complied with during year ...	0	0
Outstanding on 31st December	0	0

Summary Action.

Number of Summonses Issued	0
Number of Convictions obtained	0

Shops

No action was taken during the year under the provisions of the Shops Act, 1934.

Camping Sites.

None in District.

Regulated Buildings.

No action necessary.

Type.	No. in District.	No. of Inspections.	Gen. Con.
Common Lodging Houses	0	0	0
Tents, Vans, Sheds etc.	0	0	0
Canal Boats	0	0	0
Offensive Trades	0	0	0

Eradication of Bed Bugs. No action necessary during year.

Schools.

- (a) Sanitary Conditions - good in both schools.
- (b) Water Supply - on piped supply.
- (c) No. of Schools Disinfected - none necessary.

Swimming Pools Open to Public. None in District.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

(a). MILK SUPPLY.

Cowkeepers.

No. on Register.	No. of Inspections	Outstanding from previous year.	No. of Contraventions			Outstanding on 31st Dec.
			Found during year.	Remedied during year.		
9	18	0	2	2		0

Dairymen or Purveyors of Milk (other than cowkeepers).

No. on Register.	No. of Inspections.	Outstanding from previous year.	No. of Contraventions			Outstanding on 31st Dec.
			Found during year.	Remedied during year.		
0	0	0	0	0		0

Total Contraventions.

	Outstanding from previous year.	Found during year.	Remedied during year.	Outstanding on 31st December.
Cleansing	0	2	2	0
Structural Alterations	0	0	0	0
Utensils	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0

Milk Sampling.

Class	Total Number of Samples taken for Bacteriological Examination.	Number Satisfactory	Number Unsatisfactory.
Designated	0	0	0
Ordinary	0	0	0

The Milk (Special Designations) Orders 1936 & 1938.

Number of Licences Issued in respect of					
Tuberculin Tested.		Accredited.		Pasteurised.	
Bottling.	Distribution Dealers supplementary.	Bottling.	Distribution Dealers supplementary.	Pasteurising Plant.	Distribution Dealers supplementary.
0	0	0	0	0	1

(b). MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

Number of Regional Slaughter Houses in Area	0
Number of Animals Slaughtered in Area	...
Number of Animals Examined in Area	...
Number of Animals Slaughtered elsewhere	...
Number of Animals Examined elsewhere	...
Number of Inspections of Meat at time of Slaughter	0
Number of Knacker Yards in Area	...
Number of visits to Knacker Yards	...
Carcases Inspected and Condemned	...
Slaughter Houses not yet opened	..

Meat Stalls.

Number of Inspections	0
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Meat Shops and Meat Stores, etc.

Number of Inspections	15
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Places where Food (other than meat) is kept or prepared for Sale.

Number of Inspections	21
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Following Food condemned :—

Three bags Milk Substitute and Cream Powder.

One sack Malt Flour.

Housing.

I. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during Year.

1. (a) Total number of Dwelling Houses inspected for Housing Defects (Under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... 10
(b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose ... 20
2. (a) Number of Dwelling Houses (included under Sub. Heading (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932 0
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 0
3. Number of Dwelling Houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 0
4. Number of Dwelling Houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceeding sub. heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... 14

II. Remedy of Defects during year without serving of formal notices.

Number of defective Dwelling Houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	14
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III. Action under Statutory Powers during year.

(a) Proceeding under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.

1.	Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	...	...	0
2.	Number of Dwelling Houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—			
	(a) By Owners	...	...	0
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	...	...	0

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

1.	Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	...	...	0
2.	Number of Dwelling Houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—			
	(a) By Owners	...	...	0
	(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	...	...	0

(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act 1936.

1.	Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which demolition orders were made	...	...	0
2.	Number of Dwelling Houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	...	...	0

(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act 1936.

1.	Number of separate tenements or underground room in respect of which closing orders were made	...	...	0
2.	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were determined, and the tenement room having been rendered fit	...	...	0

IV. Housing Act - Part 4 - Overcrowding.

(a)	1. Number of Dwelling Houses overcrowded at end of year	...	...	0
	2. Number of Persons dwelling therein	...	...	0
	3. Number of Families dwelling therein	...	...	0
(b)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during year	...	...	0
(c)	1. Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during year	...	...	0
	2. Number of Persons concerned in such cases	...	...	0
(d)	Particulars of any cases in which Dwelling Houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority had taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	..	...	0

Prevalence of and Control over Infectious Diseases.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during year.

Disease	Final Number after correction.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	3	1	0
Whooping Cough	1	0	0
Cerebrospinal Fever			
(Diagnosis not confirmed)	0	1	0
Erysipelas	0	1	0
Measles	12	0	0
Pneumonia	3	0	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	0	0	0
	<hr/> 19	<hr/> 3	<hr/> 1

Distribution of Cases.

(In accordance with Registrar General's figures notified on Form 118d.)

Age period.	Scarlet Fever.	Whooping Cough.	Measles.
0—	0	0	1
1—	0	0	0
3—	0	1	2
5—	2	0	5
10—	0	0	3
15—	1	0	1
25 and over	0	0	0
Age unknown	0	0	0
	<hr/> Total 3	<hr/> 1	<hr/> 12

Age period.	Erysipelas.	Pneumonia.
0—	0	1
5—	0	0
15—	0	1
45 —	0	1
65 and over	0	0
Age unknown	0	0
	<hr/> Total 0	<hr/> 3

Measles.

Measles was the only infectious disease notified in any numbers during the year.

Diphtheria.

No cases of Diphtheria were notified.

Immunisation in relation to Child Population - Total Nos. to Dec. 31st, 1945.

Age				Age			
Under 1	—	1945	1	Under 4	1941		7
1	—	1944	15	5—9	1936—1940		157
2	—	1943	15	10—14	1931—1935		166
3	—	1942	5				
Total under 15							366

Children Immunised in 1945.

Under								Total
1	2	3	4	5	9	10-14		
1945	1944	1943	1942	1941	1936—1940	1931—1935		
1	13	13	4	5	2	0		35

Tuberculosis.

Two cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified, both Males, aged 66 and 57. One Male death from Pulmonary Tuberculosis occurred.

The number of cases on the Tuberculosis Register on 31st December, 1945. :—

Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary			Total
Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	
1	5	6	4	7	11	17

